

**In the Claims:**

**Please amend the claims of the above-identified application so as to read as follows thereby placing the same in condition for allowance, or at least in better form for Appeal, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116:**

1. (Currently Amended) An information reproducing apparatus for controlling, in accordance with a manipulation input, reproduction of content data read out from a content recording medium,  
said information reproducing apparatus, comprising:  
additional function information reading means for reading out, from the content recording medium, additional function information indicating an additional function correlated with the manipulation input; and  
additional function executing means for executing the additional function in response to the manipulation input;  
wherein  
the content recording medium stores data having a data structure in which ~~the content data is sectioned based on a unit time, and~~  
the additional function information corresponds with time information which indicates, based on a set of start and end positions specifying a scene in the content data, during ~~which units of time~~ the manipulation input is allowed or prohibited.

2. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,  
further comprising:

additional function program reading means for reading  
out, from the content recording medium, an additional  
function program which indicates the additional function  
and which is stored in the content recording medium  
together with the content data.

3. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,  
further comprising:

image information reading means for reading out, from  
the content recording medium, image information  
which indicates the additional function and which is  
stored in the content recording medium together with  
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means displays the image  
information in response to the manipulation input.

4. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,  
further comprising:

text information reading means for reading out, from  
the content recording medium, text information  
which indicates the additional function and which is  
stored in the content recording medium together with  
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means displays the  
text information in response to the manipulation  
input.

5. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1,  
further comprising:

audio information reading means for reading out, from  
the content recording medium, audio information  
which indicates the additional function and which is  
stored in the content recording medium together with  
the content data;

wherein:

the additional function executing means reproduces the  
audio information in response to the manipulation  
input.

6. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 5,  
wherein:

the additional function information includes a flag  
indicating whether or not sound of the content data  
is muted while the audio information is reproduced.

7. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any  
one of claims 1 through 6, wherein:

the additional function information is so set as to  
correspond to each scene of the content data.

8. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in  
any one of claims 1 through 6, further comprising:

main function control information reading means for  
reading out, from the content recording medium,  
main function control information indicating whether  
or not execution of a main function is approved,  
which main function is a function intrinsically  
corresponding to the manipulation input; and  
main function control means for controlling, in  
accordance with the main function control  
information, the execution of the main function,  
which execution is carried out in response to the  
manipulation input.

9. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,  
wherein:

the main function control information is so set as to  
correspond to each scene of the content data.

10. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,  
wherein:

a function for notifying information concerning  
disapproval of execution of the main function is  
assigned, as an additional function, to the  
manipulation input corresponding to the main  
function whose execution is disapproved by the main  
function control information.

11. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,  
wherein:

a function for notifying information representing that  
the manipulation input is prohibited is assigned, as  
an additional function, to the manipulation input  
corresponding to the main function whose execution  
is disapproved by the main function control  
information.

12. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8,  
wherein:

a function for notifying information representing an  
approved manipulation input is assigned, as an  
additional function, to the manipulation input  
corresponding to the main function whose execution  
is disapproved by the main function control  
information.

13. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in  
any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:

the manipulation input corresponds to either

(i) manipulation of suspending the reproduction  
of the content data or (ii) manipulation of halting  
the reproduction of the content data, and a function  
for notifying information different from the content  
data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an  
additional function, to the manipulation input.

14. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:

the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of changing either (i) a reproduction direction of the content data or (ii) reproduction speed of the content data, and a function for notifying information different from the content data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.

15. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:

the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of carrying out fast-forward of the content data, and a function for notifying information different from the content data that is being reproduced is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.

16. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:  
the manipulation input corresponds to manipulation of carrying out fast-forwarding of the content data, and a function for (i) carrying out the fast-forwarding of the content data until a predetermined position and (ii) reproducing the content data at normal speed from the predetermined position is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.
17. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 5, wherein:  
a function different from the function intrinsically corresponding to the manipulation input is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.
18. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein:  
the manipulation input corresponds to reproduction manipulation carried out during the reproduction of the content data, and a function different from a reproduction function is assigned, as an additional function, to the manipulation input.

19. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 10,  
wherein:

the additional function is a function for notifying the  
information such that the information is overlaid  
with the content data that is being reproduced.

20. (Canceled, without prejudice)

21. (Canceled, without prejudice)

22. (Original) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 13,  
wherein:

the additional function is a function for notifying the  
information such that the information is overlaid  
with the content data that is being reproduced.

23. (Canceled, without prejudice)

24. (Canceled, without prejudice)

25. (Canceled, without prejudice)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling, in accordance with a manipulation input, reproduction of content data read out from a content recording medium,

said method comprising the steps of:

(a) reading out, from the content recording medium, additional function information indicating an additional function correlated with the manipulation input; and

(b) executing the additional function in response to the manipulation input;

wherein

the content recording medium stores data having a data structure in which ~~the content data is sectioned based on a unit time and~~

the additional functional information corresponds with time information which indicates, based on a set of start and end positions specifying a scene in the content data, ~~during which units of time~~ the manipulation input is allowed and prohibited.

27. (Original) A content recording medium storing the content data and the additional function information such that the content data and the additional function information is able to be supplied to the information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 1.

28. (Previously Presented) A control program encoded on a computer-readable medium for operating the information reproducing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 6, and for causing a computer to serve as each means of the information reproducing apparatus.
29. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable recording medium storing a control program for operating the information producing apparatus as set forth in any one of claims 1 through 6, and for causing a computer to serve as each means of the information reproducing apparatus.
30. (Previously Presented) The information reproducing apparatus as set forth in claim 8 wherein:  
allowing or prohibiting the manipulation input is done by executing the main function according to the units of time specified in the time information;  
and the additional function is based on the executed main function.